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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Introductory Comments

Applicants wish to amend the international application (PCT/US03/00033) in preparation for the U.S. national phase entry as presented herein.

Any fees associated with this amendment may be charged to Eli Lilly Account No. 05-0840.